

State Forest Managers Meeting

Pasadena Office

September 12, 2018

10am - 3pm



ATTENDANCE

1. Kenneth Jolly (DNR-MFS)
2. George Eberling (DNR-MFS)
3. John Denning (DNR-MFS)
4. Scott Campbell (DNR-MFS)
5. Mark Beals (DNR-MFS)
6. Alex Clark (DNR-MFS)
7. Rob Feldt (DNR-MFS)
8. Jack Perdue (DNR-MFS)
9. Patricia Leopold USFS Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science NIACS (webinar)

AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

1. DNR property boundary marking
2. Rec Trail Grants - tracking salaries (Shenika @1pm)
3. AWP updated acres, etc.
4. HCVF redefined / re-evaluation
5. CAC - policy issues
6. SFI 1.1.1.d. - biodiversity at landscape scales
7. Project Review - SFM discretion
8. Sustainable Forest Management Plan updates
9. Timber Sales Online - on-hold
10. Forest Certification
 - Review of certification standards & compliance
 - HCVF monitoring
 - 2016-17 CARS/OBS/OFI Review
 - 2016 Obs / 2017 Minor CAR: ESA site level plans Western MD
 - Meetings with Natural Heritage Program
 - 2016 Obs / 2017 Minor CAR: Historic role of conifers WMD
 - Addendum to SFMPs
 - 2016 Obs: Funding for trails (closed)
 - 2017 Major CAR: Use of Trademarks (closed)
 - SFI annual reporting – deadline to SFI March 31
 - 2018 Auditors – Mike Ferrucci & Beth Jacqmain
11. State Forest Metrics & Quarterly Reports
12. REMINDER: AWP approval procedures (no printed copy, just signature page)
13. Next audit - Week of April 23 – Western Maryland
14. State Forests Internal Silvicultural Audit – **GR** (4/3) **PG** (4/4) **SR** (4/5) **ES** (4/11)

15. Next SFM meeting date - **Wed, September 12, 2018**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Two Step Method contract
2. SFMP revisions
3. Forest certification
 - a. 2018 audit summary
 - b. review of certification system requirements and compliance
4. FSC pesticides
 - a. Glyphosate CAS Number 1071-83-6 FSC restricted list
5. Climate change summary
6. New timber sale contracts - web page
7. Next SFM meeting - Wednesday, March
8. State Forests Internal Silvicultural Audit – GR (3/12) PG (3/13) SR (3/14) ES (3/20)
9. Next audit - Week of April 1 – Eastern & Western MD

ADDITIONAL

Webinar

Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for the Mid-Atlantic Region

Patricia Leopold

Climate Change Outreach Specialist

Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science (NIACS)

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March 6, 2019

10am - 3pm



ATTENDANCE

1. Donald VanHassent (DNR-MFS, Director/State Forester)
2. Kenneth Jolly (DNR-MFS, Asst Director)
3. George Eberling (DNR-MFS, WMD Regional Forester)
4. Matt Hurd, (DNR-MFS, EMD Regional Forester)
5. John Denning (DNR-MFS - PGSF)
6. Scott Campbell (DNR-MFS - SRSF)
7. Mark Beals (DNR-MFS - GRSF)
8. Mike Schofield (DNR-MFS - CF/PSF)
9. Alex Clark (DNR-MFS - CF/PSF)
10. Rob Feldt (DNR-MFS - Forest Resource Planning)
11. Jack Perdue (DNR-MFS - Forest Resource Planning)

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1. Sustainable Forest Management Plan updates
2. Forest Certification
3. Review of certification standards & compliance
4. HCVF monitoring
5. SFI annual reporting – deadline to SFI March 31
6. 2019 Auditors - Beth Jacqmain (SCS/FSC), Michelle Matteo, and Ciara McCarthy (NSF/SFI)
7. State Forest Metrics & Quarterly Reports
8. REMINDER: AWP approval procedures (no printed copy, just signature page)
9. Next SFM meeting date - Wed, September 4, 2019
10. State Forests Internal Silvicultural Audit – GR (3/12) PG (3/13) SR (3/14) ES (3/20)
11. Audit - Week of April 1 – Eastern & Western MD

2018 Audit Summary

Two Minor Non-Conformances identified in the 2017 audit have been resolved:

1. In the FY2017 Annual Work Plans (AWP) for western State Forests the Ecologically Significant Area (ESA) Plans had not been completed, but have since been. (SFI 2015-2019 Standards and Rules®, Section 2 - Forest Management, 1Indicator 1.1.1 i)
2. On the Maryland DNR Forest Service website the words "Sustainable Forestry Initiative" now does include the registered trademark - ®. (SFI 2015-2019 Standards and Rules®, Section 5 Part 4, Indicator 4.2)

Progress in implementing these corrective action plans will be reviewed in subsequent surveillance audits.

Three opportunities for improvement (OFI) were identified in the 2018 audit:

1. There is an Opportunity for Improvement in the management plans to accurately describe the status (ongoing vs. completed) of all activities; some completed activities are described as planned or pending. SFI Indicator 1.1.1 requires "Forest management planning at a level appropriate to the size and scale of the operation".
2. There is an Opportunity for Improvement in the use of the trademark symbol (TM) in documents when first using the initials SFI. SFI Section 5 - Rules for Use of SFI On-Product Labels and Off-Product Marks provides required and recommended practices for use of the SFI logo and other trademarked items.
3. There is an Opportunity for Improvement regarding the awareness of predicted climate change patterns and the impacts to wildlife and biodiversity. SFI Indicator 10.3.2 requires a "Program Participants are knowledgeable about climate change impacts on wildlife, wildlife habitats and conservation of biological diversity through international, national, regional or local programs."

These findings do not indicate a current deficiency, but served to alert Maryland DNR Forest Service to areas that could be strengthened or which could merit future attention.

FOREST CERTIFICATION AUDIT PREP

Please have the following documents and/or information prepared for the evaluation, to be reviewed onsite:

- Training records (e.g., workshops, conferences, safety courses, etc.);
- Recently completed or active timber harvest planning and monitoring documentation;
- Complaints received;
- Controversial issues (stakeholder input);
- Accident records;
- Operational plan(s) for the next 12 months;
- Inventory records;
- Chemical use records (including quantitative data on the use of pesticides, any chemical use forms, target pests);
- Records of sales of FSC-certified products; this includes copies of invoices, bills, shipping documents, as well as log load/trip tickets, timber sale contracts, and relevant bill payment documents; and
- Records of logo use approvals by SCS given in any prior year.